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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I have worked on projects sponsored by Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) to increase beaver habitat on rivers in eastern Oregon in order to improve the health of the river for all species and improve water quality. The Dept of Environmental Quality has determined that the vast majority of rivers in Oregon suffer from impaired water quality. Increasing beaver populations can significantly improve water quality with very little cost. HB 3932 will prevent the removal of these animals who are badly needed as a low cost solution to help address the water quality in our rivers. I strongly urge you to pass this bill out of committee and work to get it passed in the full House Thank you.